

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1218

By McDaniel

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Kathy Wood-Dobbins on her retirement from the Tennessee Primary Care Association.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such person is Kathy Wood-Dobbins, Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Primary Care Association; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Primary Care Association, whose mission is to improve access to primary health care through leadership, advocacy, and support as the voice of Community Health Centers, was founded in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Primary Care Association is a member of the National Association of Community Health Centers; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wood-Dobbins was hired as the Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Primary Care Association in 1991; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Chief Executive Officer, the Tennessee Primary Care Association has grown from fifteen community health centers serving 160,000 patients in 1991 to thirty community health centers serving 400,000 patients in 2017; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure as Chief Executive Officer, the staff of the Tennessee Primary Care Association has grown from three staff members in 1991 to twenty staff members in 2017; and

WHEREAS, during her twenty-seven-year career as the Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Primary Care Association, Kathy Wood-Dobbins has worked successfully with five United States Presidents, four Tennessee Governors, thirteen United States Congresses,

thirteen Tennessee General Assemblies, twenty-three board presidents, and dozens of board members; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Kathy Wood-Dobbins has served as a valuable member on over two dozen local, state, and national organizations and advisory committees; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wood-Dobbins was recognized for her leadership qualities by serving in the following state and national leadership roles: President of the Tennessee Chapter of the American Society of Association Executives; Chairman of the Primary Care Association Leadership Team; and Chairman of the Southeast Healthcare Consortium; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wood-Dobbins has been recognized for her superior leadership through the following awards: Association Executive of the Year from the Tennessee Society of Association Executives and Presidential Award from the Rural Health Association of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wood-Dobbins is the daughter of the late Reverend Bill and Kathryn Wood and was raised in Colombia, South America, where her parents were missionaries for the Cumberland Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wood-Dobbins was awarded her Bachelor of Science degree from Bethel College in 1976 and was awarded her Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Tennessee in 1979; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wood-Dobbins is loved and supported by her husband of forty-one years, Bill Dobbins; her daughter Julia E. Dobbins; her son and daughter-in-law, Nicholas and Melody Dobbins; and her two precious granddaughters, Isobel Dobbins and Willa Dobbins; and

WHEREAS, Kathy Wood-Dobbins exemplifies a life of leadership, commitment, excellence, and caring for all people; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Kathy Wood-Dobbins on her retirement as Chief Executive Officer of the Tennessee Primary Care Association and her many acts of public service and extend to her our best wishes for every future success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.